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– guidelines for adult education on an example of Kolping movement

Adult education is a driver in the interconnections of the 3 dimensions of sustainable development- economic, social, environmental, thus it's necessary to develop new sustainable educational concepts, tools, methods. Adult education strategies has to be adjusted to be more climate friendly and facilitate eko local input for global eko impact, due to it can contribute to the UN's 2030 Agenda of Sustainable Development Goals, Lisbon UE agenda for sustainable, smart and inclusive growth.

The Kolping International is worldwide movement united in the world 60 national Kolping associations (18 in Europe) with 450,000 members in 5000 Kolping Families. Kolping members actively participate in a socially just transformation of society. Climate justice and sustainable development are current, necessary directions for sustainable transformation of societies, so Kolping associations have to empowering people in local communities in that process.

The following publication presents best educational practices related to sustainability, climate justice and ecological approaches developed by participating organizations:

- KOLPING INTERNATIONAL Association e.V.
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Identification of the best different types of educational practices related to sustainability, climate justice and ecological approaches

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BEST PRACTICES FROM POLAND

TITLE	My cup of coffee – interactive workshop
TYPE OF ACTIVITY	Interactive workshop about fair trade products with degustation of Fairtrade Coffee
TARGET GROUP (<i>age, social features</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kolping Members and participants of educational activities offered by organisation on local level • 8-16 Persons • age from 14 to open age
OBJECTIVES, LEARNING OUTCOMES (<i>knowledge, skills, attitudes</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dealing with Fairtrade and regional products (example – coffee) • What do I know about regional retailers and fair products and how can I make better choices? • You can learn which regional products are available and how you can prepare from the healthy food and drinks • Teambuilding through preparation and degustation together the high quality coffee
CONTENT AND INTERACTIVE METHODS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watching together the movie about Fairtrade Coffee from Honduras (video filmed by the Kolping Foundation during stay of their educators on a Kolping coffee plantation in Honduras) • Discussion about the cultivation of regional products and fair trade • Then preparing together Fairtrade Coffee from Kolping plantation in Honduras • Here you can exchange and talk
TIME, PLACE	Place and time are freely selectable
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference room with projector and speakers • Kitchen or sanitary facilities to brew coffee together • Coffee machine, fair trade coffee, milk etc.
ADVICES	<p>See the movie on You Tube: https://youtu.be/HWZwSBbqMo8</p>

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BEST PRACTICES FROM POLAND

TITLE	Together for Honduras – example of an successful fundraising campain
TYPE OF ACTIVITY	Fundraising campaign for Kolping Members in Honduras
TARGET GROUP (age, social features)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kolping members and supporters, participants in educational classes on sustainability and fair trade, all interested persons • people of all ages using the Internet
OBJECTIVES, LEARNING OUTCOMES (knowledge, skills, attitudes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • educational campaign leads to increased knowledge of coffee producers' daily lives and living standards • Increase awareness of their difficult livelihoods caused by the outbreak of the covid and dengue pandemics • raise awareness of the extremely difficult livelihood situation and encourage people to support the FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN and make a donation
CONTENT AND INTERACTIVE METHODS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preparation of a website with a comprehensive description of the situation in Honduras • preparation of educational videos, interviews and photos straight from Honduras • preparation of fundraising appeals to be posted on Facebook, website: www.honduras.kolping.pl • preparation of Newsletter to potential donors • organization of online meetings for those interested in joining the campaign and wishing to increase knowledge about the activities of fair trade coffee farmers in Honduras and their situation during the covid pandemic • interactive methods are online - due to the isolation caused by the COVID pandemic, they take advantage of the need for human contact
TIME, PLACE	<p>Online, duration of our campaign: 12 months</p> <p>Advice: time of the campaign depends on the current needs and situation;</p>
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online tools like: Website, Facebook profile, ZOOM account • Additionally equipment like computer, camera microphone
ADVICES	<p>see the website created specifically for the Fundraising Campain "Together for Honduras"</p> <p>www.honduras.kolping.pl</p>

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BEST PRACTICES FROM SERBIA

TITLE	Women of honey in Banat – study visit to an apiary
TYPE OF ACTIVITY	<p>Study visit to an apiary in the Serbian region of Banat, run by members of Serbian Kolping</p> <p><i>Vojvodina as a region has a very favorable climate and has a rich nature that is necessary for the survival of bees and the development of beekeeping.</i></p>
TARGET GROUP (<i>age, social features</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kolping members, participants in educational classes on sustainability, all those interested in healthy food and sustainable lifestyles • 10-16 persons • age from 14 to open age
OBJECTIVES, LEARNING OUTCOMES (<i>knowledge, skills, attitudes</i>)	<p>You will observe and learn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what the daily life of bees and their rhythm of life looks like • how honey is made? • what working with bees looks like? • how to take care of the environment and the surroundings of the bees so that they do not perish and collect good quality honey? • what effect good quality honey and bee products have on our health?
CONTENT AND INTERACTIVE METHODS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • visit to an apiary - observing bees at work • conversation with beekeepers • own participation in the production of honey • tasting of different kinds of honey • discussion about the properties and possibilities of using bee products • a walk in the area, paying attention to different types of honey-giving trees, bushes and flowers • discussion about environmental protection and protection of bees
TIME, PLACE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • duration of the visit including workshops: 8 hours • Location Sajau, Banat region, Serbia
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overhead projector and screen to show presentations and photos • for group discussions: paper and pens • protective outfits for participants necessary for contact with bees
ADVICES	<p>watch a documentary detailing the story of the women beekeepers of Banat:</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZhzeN3oX89I</p>



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Serbia

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BEST PRACTICES FROM SERBIA

TITLE	Upcycling - how to see a resource not a garbage - workshop led by Nina Blazevic
TYPE OF ACTIVITY	Upcycling workshop <i>Nina is one of the first people in Serbia to start this type of business economic activity. She lives and works in Novi Sad and works with the Serbian Kolping Work in the the promotion of ecology and activities that promote women's involvement.</i>
TARGET GROUP (age, social features)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kolping members, participants in educational classes on sustainability and ecology• 6-12 persons• age from 8 to open age
OBJECTIVES, LEARNING OUTCOMES (knowledge, skills, attitudes)	You will observe, create and learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How to use trash once again and make something creative out of it?• How to be more creative in the search for materials for handicrafts ?• how to turn an ecological idea into a business and economic activity?
CONTENT AND INTERACTIVE METHODS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participation in a creative ecological workshop with an entrepreneur who turned an idea for ecological handicrafts into a business and started her own business• presentation of a collection of wallets created by Nina Blazevic• Nina's support in preparing your own product• creating your own original product - a wallet - using tetrapacks and newspaper covers
TIME, PLACE	4 hours, Novi Sad, conference room <i>(during the project implementation this workshop was organised online, on 16.07.2020, due to Covid situation)</i>
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paper, newspapers, beverage cartons (tetrapacks), tape, glue, rubber bands, buttons
ADVICES	Read the story of Nina in Serbian Newspaper: https://www.mojnovisad.com/moj-grad/novosadjani/novosadjani-apciklazom-do-privlacnih-upotrebnih-predmeta-od-tetrapaka-id28282.html

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BEST PRACTICES FROM GERMANY

TITLE	Local ecological commitment of Kolping Families – campaign
TYPE OF ACTIVITY	72 hours campaign – engaging the groups of young people with the aim to make the world a better place
TARGET GROUP (<i>age, social features</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kolping Youth from Lauf an der Pegnitz & Kolping Youth from Serbia • 35 Persons • Aged 18-30
OBJECTIVES, LEARNING OUTCOMES (<i>knowledge, skills, attitudes</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under the motto »36 in 72« the participants were keen to make the town of Lauf more sustainable, greener, safer, more beautiful and more liveable at 36 locations while pursuing creative approaches as far as possible. • you will learn how to work in international group • how to realise common goals in the grup • you will get a lot of satisfaction by making the world a bit more beautiful place!
CONTENT AND INTERACTIVE METHODS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thus, the organizers planned raised beds for herb for people to help themselves to, wild flower meadows in gardens, interactive ashtrays, deposit boxes for returnable bottles as well as the cleaning of five places in Lauf with a focus on play areas. • The young people from Lauf received help from the Kolping Youth of Serbia, who had travelled to Lauf especially for this campaign with a total of 15 members and leapt into the work in a motivated and enthusiastic spirit. • Since the goal was quite ambitious and their own expectations were high, the young people set to work directly on Friday morning. The volunteering participants were divided into five groups, each of whom put an idea into practice in several ways.
TIME, PLACE	May 2019, Lauf, Germany, 3 days (72 hours)
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cleaning products, gloves, brooms, rakes, garbage bags, shovels
ADVICES	<p>Read more about 72 hours campaign: https://www.bdkj.de/fileadmin/jugendarbeit/rz-72h-dokumentation-bdkj-berlin-englisch-LOWRES.pdf</p>

Local ecological commitment of Kolping Families



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BEST PRACTICES FROM GERMANY

TITLE	Qi Gong– exercise during workshop break
TYPE OF ACTIVITY	relaxation exercise
TARGET GROUP (<i>age, social features</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> educational participants of all ages (participants of TPM in Germany trained Qi Gong during the workshop in Cologne)
OBJECTIVES, LEARNING OUTCOMES (<i>knowledge, skills, attitudes</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> relax consolidation of educational content from previous workshops calming down emotions oxygenating the brain and clearing the mind movement is health - building good habits
CONTENT AND INTERACTIVE METHODS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the purpose of the exercise is to calm down, cleanse the mind and body before the next workshop relaxing music and slow stretching exercises relax and integrate the group at the same time, introduce a positive atmosphere
TIME, PLACE	10-15 minutes, conference room or outdoor
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Music, trainer or video tutorial
ADVICES	<p>Tutorial from You Tube used by our group: https://youtu.be/lylNAjEoTIs</p>





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BEST PRACTICES FROM LITHUANIA

TITLE	Active citizenship – workshop with basic tools for adult education
TYPE OF ACTIVITY	Interactive workshop using 5 methods: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Group Work 2. Discussion 3. NESW (Nature, Economy, Social Dimension, Who decides?) 4. The World Cafe 5. Presentation.
TARGET GROUP (<i>age, social features</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kolping Members, participants of adult education workshops in local communities • age from 16 to open age
OBJECTIVES, LEARNING OUTCOMES (<i>knowledge, skills, attitudes</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What influence do nature, economics, social dimension and decision makers have on each other? • Are we able to think about nature and conservation while ignoring the other aspects?
CONTENT AND INTERACTIVE METHODS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lectures introduction about sustainable education and sustainable development goals • participants work in 3-person international groups • their task is to define the problem of environmental pollution and find a solution taking into account all aspects NESW (Nature, Economy, Social Dimension, Who decides?) • at the end the participants present the results of their work and their conclusions in the forum
TIME, PLACE	10.09.2021, Kaunas, Lithuania
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flipchart, pens
ADVICES	<p>Lecturer not only talked about sustainable development goals, but also prepared workshop's in which basic tools for adult education were presented</p> <p>https://nottingham-repository.worktribe.com/preview/1038152/74_ii_SCUTREA2017_Proceedings.pdf#page=250</p>

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BEST PRACTICES FROM LITHUANIA

TITLE	Nature tourism – walk with nature guide Linas Daubaras
TYPE OF ACTIVITY	Hiking through the forest with the nature guide
TARGET GROUP (<i>age, social features</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Starting from a single person up to approximately 20 persons (depending on the type of tour, season of the year and time of the day, tour difficulty, customers' wishes, etc.)Adults, Youth, Children, School classes, Couples, Families
OBJECTIVES, LEARNING OUTCOMES (<i>knowledge, skills, attitudes</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">You can observe the nature around you and get the best knowledge about the plants and animals around youYou will get new knowledge about the nature and its preservationThe guide will share with you his personal experience of dramatic climate change during his guiding time (30 years)Teambuilding through the common experience of hiking and visiting forest areas
CONTENT AND INTERACTIVE METHODS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Hiking together through the forest, observing nature (plants and animals)Discussing species of trees, flowers etc.Lithuania is the region particularly attractive due to its high forest cover, high percentage of protected areas and relatively low urbanization. It is dominated by mid-latitude weather, which is suitable for the elderly as well as for tourists with poor healthDuring the walk participants will learn why cognitive trails not only benefit but also harm nature and its inhabitants.
TIME, PLACE	16.09.2021, Žiegždriai Geological trail, Region Kaunas, Lithuania
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Comfortable hiking boots and weather-appropriate clothing
ADVICES	<p>More about the guide: https://nature-guide-network.eu/listing/linas-daubaras/</p>

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BEST PRACTICES FROM ROMANIA

TITLE	One story, one invitation: Join our Picnic WWF – presentation of educational methods of the environmental organization WWF
TYPE OF ACTIVITY	Presentation of the The Picnic Basket project - methods with call to action
TARGET GROUP (age, social features)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 257 educators and 5000 pupils (ages 5 to 12) joined the national challenge to switch to sustainable school snacks, thus changing their behaviors
OBJECTIVES, LEARNING OUTCOMES (knowledge, skills, attitudes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • 92% improvement in dietary habits, including a 23% increase in the consumption fruit and vegetable snacks and 18% in the consumption of homemade snacks;
CONTENT AND INTERACTIVE METHODS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On Monday, Wednesday and Friday all pupils brought snacks according to these 3 principles: Homemade, Local and Seasonal fruit and vegetables, Zero Waste (following the Picnic Basket timetable) • One each of these thematic days, the teachers would organize hands-on activities related to the topic of the day. They could be original activities, or inspired from the WWF assets including stories, games, and activity ideas. • Outdoor picnics, trips to the market, cooking workshops, cooking shows and engaging the families – were some of the activities organized
TIME, PLACE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • project developed by WWF Romania, WWF Greece and WWF Turkey in the schools
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Method can be used by educators of non formal education by preparing for participants more healthy snack or better – by inviting them to take initiative
ADVICES	Results featured on Earth School (https://ed.ted.com/earth-school) global platform powered by UN and TED-Ed



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BEST PRACTICES FROM ROMANIA

TITLE	Ecosystem services : Biodiversity and nature provide countless benefits for humans
TYPE OF ACTIVITY	Workshop about enviromental protection
TARGET GROUP (age, social features)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kolping members, participants of ecological workshops • Teenager, adults, seniors • 12-16 Persons
OBJECTIVES, LEARNING OUTCOMES (knowledge, skills, attitudes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of strong influence of urbanisation and intensive farming to the natural enviroment • Showing of possible solutions by protecting network of corridors and reserves of biodiversity (green grid, blue grid, brown grid, black grid) • Showing the influence of pollution to our health • Increase participants' knowledge and awareness of man-made climate change
CONTENT AND INTERACTIVE METHODS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methods: • presentation with pictures, numbers, analysis of experts, videos showing the changes in the nature • walk trough the nature in urban areas • grup work and discussion about the possible influence to the stakeholders around us: <i>Let's all be actors to restore and preserve this vital, interconnected living fabric!</i>
TIME, PLACE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brasov, Romania, 29.04.2022
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Method can be used by educators of non formal education by using powerpoint presentation,. Video tutorials, and for grupwork: flipchart and pens
ADVICES	<p>Short animation about influence of urbanisation and intensive farming to the natural enviroment: https://youtu.be/YbyxzGbYQBc</p>





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BEST PRACTICES FROM SLOVAKIA

TITLE	Alternative sustainable way of life – study visit and common cooking
TYPE OF ACTIVITY	Study visit to the educational centre and community in Zaježová
TARGET GROUP (age, social features)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kolping Members, participants of educational Kolping activities• Teenager, adults, seniors• 10-16 Persons
OBJECTIVES, LEARNING OUTCOMES (knowledge, skills, attitudes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What to do to live healthier and in harmony with nature?• Where to look for inspiration to cultivate good lifestyle habits?• how to cook healthier and more naturally?
CONTENT AND INTERACTIVE METHODS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Showing examples of an alternative sustainable way of life by visiting to the educational centre and community in Zaježová:• Presentation of the good educational practices in field of changing lifestyle, sustainable food, consumption, ecological dimension of spiritual life• preparation by all participants common Vegetarian Dinner – in the educational centre in Zaježová – prepared from the local products• learning by experience, learning by doing• integration with another participants, group work
TIME, PLACE	17.06.2022, Zaježová, Slovakia
MATERIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local, organic food products, access to kitchen with equipment
ADVICES	Inspire yourself and visit the website of Zaježova Center: https://www.centrumzajezova.sk/



Project partner presentations

POLAND - FUNDACJA DZIEŁA KOLPINGA W POLSCE

www.fundacja.kolping.pl



Fundacja Dzieła Kolpinga w Polsce (FDK) with the headquarter in Krakow, was registered in 2007 as a joint Polish-German initiative to support and strengthen the co-operation of the development of civil society and of the protection of human rights and freedom in Poland and developing countries, East Europe, Africa and Latin America.

Foundation's activity is carried out in the areas of education, culture, social support and self-sufficient

- initiating and supporting social projects
- organizing seminars, conferences, meetings and workshops, courses and other forms of education ,including supporting the international exchange of experience in the field of global education
- conducting educational activities to professionalise qualifications
- co-operation with local authorities, government and NGOs by educational and publishing activities.

The most important achievements of the Foundation last years:

- awareness-raising actions on global education and development aid (30 actions)
- actions to support people in developing countries
- fundraising and crowdfunding campaigns for education and development aid (fundraising support provided for local communities in Uganda and Honduras)
- fair trade projects, promotions and education (support of bio and organics coffee cooperatives in Honduras)
- Tatico coffee e-commerce start- up in cooperation with Langen Kaffee

Foundation has a wide project management experiences, implementation international project co-financed by EU, Swiss and Norwegian contribution. Foundation has experiences in global education and youth elicitation. It has experiences as well in international cooperation with Partners countries from Uganda, Tanzania, Mexico, Uruguay in the field of global education and development project. Foundation has strong relation with local NGO, social enterprises and cooperatives.

ROMANIA - ORGANIZATIA CENTRALA A FAMILIILOR KOLPING DIN ROMANIA

www.kolping.ro



Kolping Romania is an NGO structured at national level, composed by 77 local associations and 2,450 members. In 1858, in Romania was founded the first Kolping association, but in 1948 its activity was prohibited by the communist regime. Kolping Romania was refunded in 1994. Over the years, the relevant projects and programs focused upon community development, technical assistance for NGOs, trainings, non-formal education, participatory democracy, active citizenship, youth, social economy. Kolping Romania has two Training Centres, which offers the possibility for professional education in various fields. Kolping Romania has 9 local youth groups with their 9 local coordinators-young local leaders. Those 9 youth groups operate activities among around 200 youngsters. Young people create themselves local social initiatives, i.e: youth helps their disabled peers in professional education processes in Carancebes Care Centre- work together in garden, kitchen, and other types of workshop, social flash mob- youth local initiatives- on topic tolerance and sustainability- in different places young people show what it means tolerance and try to engage local people to the different games, young people organized theatre events promoting active citizenship, the performances (around 12) took places in schools, kindergardens, shoping centers. Moreover, during 2011 - 2014, more than 2,000 people attended Kolping trainings and internships. A specific area of expertise is the non-formal education: workshops on leadership and management, summer schools, camps and international meetings, promotion of volunteering, community campaigns in various fields- democracy and human rights, social responsibility, environment protection. In last years, Kolping Romania focused its activity on strengthening NGOs capacities. For achieving this goal, in the last 3 years, Kolping Romania organized non-formal education activities for more than 1,500 persons, in the following areas: organisational development; staff management, leadership and training; change management; developing and implementing administrative strategies, policies and procedures; writing grant proposals, maintaining donor relations; communications, networking and partnership development.

The management trainings also included relevant information upon budgets and financial aspects of running an NGO. Kolping Romania supported the development of local volunteering initiatives in the communities by providing trainings for volunteer coordinators and volunteer program managers. More than 200 persons gain relevant experience as community workers and volunteer managers in the last three years.

GERMANY - KOLPING INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION E.V.

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Kolping International forms a world-wide network with more than 400,000 members in more than 60 countries. Within the association, the members actively participate in favour of a socially just transformation of society. The international association unites people in groups and associations all over the world and contributes to the development of civil societies and the strengthening of people. The International Kolping Society has been active in 20 European countries and is organized as a democratic membership association. The around 305,000 members in Europe are organized in 3,000 local groups and, via their respective country organizations, they form national organizations that are united in the International Kolping Society. On European level the organization has networked and merged into a working group, the so-called European Kolping Society. Due to its historical roots and its programme the Kolping Society feels especially committed to the European idea and co-operates intensively with the Council of Europe and the European Parliament. Since 1974 it has participatory status as a NGO with the Council of Europe in Strasbourg. The association is committed to promoting education and formation (through seminars, meetings, conferences, political educational events, promotion of Kolping educational institutions) and supports international understanding and co-operation. The contribution of the International Kolping Society goes in fact far beyond further trainings and training of multipliers. International Kolping Society considers it of great importance that the transnational contacts are also reflected in concrete actions and partnerships. These are marked by practiced solidarity, intercultural learning, promotion of democracy and dealing with Europe's vision of the future. Reflection and further development of the contents of work takes place in regular meetings. The staff is endowed with a lot of expertise and experience in the field of project management, fundraising and advocacy work, sustainable development principles. It actively combats poverty by helping people to help themselves: Vocational Training and further education, micro credits and programs on rural development help strengthening the individual person so that he or she can change his or her life in a positive way by own means. The International Kolping Society promotes through education and activities the development of its members in many fields of the daily life, sustainable development, climate justice, ecology approach as well.

LITHUANIA - LIETUVOS KOLPINGO DRAUGIJA

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Lithuanian Kolping Society is a public, non-profit organization which was established in 1993. The organization's structure is based on a national administration working as a coordinator and local communities so called Kolping families which are actively working in different regions of Lithuania. The activities of this organization are based on Christian values, social responsibility for society and caring for the global problems through education and information dissemination.

The organization's main areas of work are:

- non-formal education for different age groups: youth, adults, elder people and seniors (traineeships, projects, workshops) the seminars of democracy and citizenship;
- social projects (non-profit camps for youth, global education and cooperation projects, also civil society projects).
- running projects in field of developing cooperation (help for developing countries);
- providing social activities (fundraising, social shares, charity events, events for Kolping society as international organization);
- exchange programs on international level (youth in action, 50+ projects for seniors and etc);
- activities based on work with members of their local communities, e.g. experience sharing between generations, youth activities, educational activities etc.

Institutions of Lithuanian Kolping Society:

- The Kolping University of Applied Sciences is a private non-university higher education institution, granting Professional Bachelor degrees. Kolping University of Applied Sciences offers following seven different programs of studies: Business English, Ecotourism, Finance Accounting of Public Sector, International Business, Child welfare and Social Security, Social work, Law.
- Kolping kindergarten is („Kolpingo mokyklėlė“) another project of Lithuanian Kolping society. The Kindergarten was established in 2011 and it is situated in the old town of Kaunas. The philosophy of an education program of this school is based on educative ideas and philosophy of education of the priest and teacher Adolph Kolping. We uphold the value of family as an institution that fosters and strengthens fundamental moral values of a child.

SERBIA - KOLPING DRUSTVO SRBIJE

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Kolping Drustvo Srbije was founded in 2001 and nowadays consists of 11 local Kolping groups, which gather 260 members and perform their activities based on the needs of local communities. Furthermore, there are also involved around 50 members of the youth, who implement different educational and social activities within local community. The main goal of the organization is active participation in the process of transformation and strengthening of the civil society in general, contributing to the positive changes in the communities, development of the individuals and poverty reduction.

The most important areas of work are:

- Servis learning offered to young people
- Vitaplan – home care support for elderly people
- Bio farming – workshops and courses offered to local farmers - Women in need – social support for economic empowerment of women in rural areas of Serbia.

Kolping Serbia is active in social work – created the „home-care“ system called VITAPLAN. They offered trainings to family members who want to take care of elderly people within the family. The home-care service activities answer a concrete demand of the target group. Training regarding home care is an important input and valid service enabling the families. Approximately 1,6 million elderly people are living in Serbia – many of them suffering from an insufficient standard of life and health care. The governmental system fails at taking care of these people.

“Women in Need” (since 2016) – a project intended for economic empowerment of women in rural areas of Serbia. The project is supported and funded by the members of Kolping Germany and the individuals who wish to help.

Next important working field of Kolping Serbia is bio farming. Serbia`s economy depends very much on agriculture. Approximately 25% of the population is working in this sector but a huge number beyond subsistence as the profit gained is too low.

Kolping Serbia is working in villages and agricultural regions, where in cooperation with their 11 local NGOs provides workshops and trainings for farmers, to develop their skills, to build the networks between the small farmers and finally to increase the quality of their products and support them in promotion. The production is fair and bio. One of the most successful products is the Honey produced in the north part of Serbia.

SLOVAKIA - KOLPINGOVO DIELO NA SLOVENSKU

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The Kolping Society in Slovakia, established in March 1995, is an association focusing on social issues and education. Their objectives are aimed at both preparation and implementation of projects. In recent years the organisation focused on training in parenthood, topics ranging from life-work balance, co-existence of 3 generations a dialogue between generations and an effective way of bringing children up. Besides Kolping Slovakia is trying to play an active role in helping the unemployed to access the labour market as well as to develop social assistance on the volunteering basis, to sensitize public to the problems of disadvantaged groups and to motivate them to set up in business.

The main goals includes:

- to stimulate community-orientated activities at local level,
- to foster tolerance and democracy,
- to support projects in the regions which are ethnically varied,
- to prepare projects aimed at equality of opportunities for marginalized groups,
- to encourage small projects at local and regional levels, partnership projects within EU and the International Kolping Society,
- to participate in the projects in the third world countries.

The Kolping Society in Slovakia has been successful in building up local communities as a part of the civic society to enlarge its social capital. Nowadays, Kolping Slovakia consists of 15 local associations called Kolping families. There are more than 168 members in 15 towns and villages who are united under the motto "help for self-help". Kolping Society as umbrella-organization supports their activities and carries out projects for the benefit of people in need (children, the youth, seniors) and local communities in order to improve their skills and knowledge. 20 years of experience with projects aimed at stakeholders of labour market, supporting businesses and working with families. Due to the insufficient funding, organisation is not able to hire an external company to implement a system of quality, so we rely on the audit carried out by independent companies which have assessed our performance in terms of the quality of management of our organization.



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